

## Faculty Senate Minutes

February 3, 2023

**Attended:** Issa, Roy; Leitch, Ken; McCauley, Kelly; Meljac, Eric; Price, Blake; Ramos Salazar, Leslie; Reardon, Matt; Smith, Bob; Ambrose, Bill; Bang, Brandon; Brooks, Mary Liz; Brown, Trisha; Correa, Priscella; Crosman, Erik; Denton, Kenneth; Ghosh, Nabarun; Hisek, Callie; Hoffmann, Eric; Spencer, Brian; Tarpley, Troy; Unnikrishnan, Vinu; Whaley, Brigitte; Yarbrough, Jason, Pinkham, Ashley

**Absent:** Humphreys, Sean; Manfredi, Guiligliemo;

**Guest(s):**

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The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President Ashley Pinkham.

### CURRENT BUSINESS

#### *Handbook Committee*

*Jason says that there are proposals that are pending in regards to changes to the handbook.*

#### *Joint Student/Faculty Committee on Academic Affairs*

*Erik and his entire committee had a zoom meeting with the student group concerning food quality and food plans, and determined that pushing for “roll over” meal points is too ambitious, and would rather like to focus on food quality, in particular doing something about the “cardboard burger”. Vinu says the egg omelet is marked as vegetarian, and it turns out that egg omelets are not vegetarian.*

#### *Ad Hoc Travel Committee*

*Kenneth says the committee is in the final stages of putting together a draft to present to the Senate concerning their findings. Nabarun mentions that the department travel fund has been drastically reduced for students, which can be problematic because of high registration fees.*

The Senate revisited the discussion we had last week about facility maintenance and whether there were any further questions, comments, or concerns. Faculty members were appreciative of the information they received during this meeting because there had previously been a lack of information between maintenance and faculty.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Beth Mowry, Abby Waters, and Kat Kane from the Office of Career and Professional services spoke at the Senate today. They informed faculty members on their job of helping students reach their career goals, such as how to write a resume, interview preparation, and navigating career fairs. They also discussed the fact that they make available free professional clothing for those who need it, which they can obtain each Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, from 12am-1:30 pm. Suits are limited to one per student per semester. They then discussed the internship opportunities which they can assist students in obtaining. There was a presentation on dispelling myths surrounding the career Expo, such as some misconceptions surrounding obtaining a VISA, and whether some jobs are only limited to some majors. It was mentioned that there was even options for transporting students to and from their internships, for a small fee.
- As of right now, there are three committee vacancies. Specifically, the Faculty Emeritus Committee, Student Fee Advisor Committee, and Undergraduate Admissions Appeal Committee. The first needs to be filled by a faculty member from FAH, while the last two can be filled by a faculty member from any department.
- The issue was raised that some colleges are being severely affected by cancellation of journal access by the library. It was mentioned that “smaller” disciplines were being most severely affected. It is suspected that journals cancellations are being based on the number of clicks they get, but there may be some discrepancies here based on recent experiences. Bob clarified that the metric is rather based on the cost per use. Ashley proposes that we share this information without our faculty member constituents in order to get a bigger picture of what the needs and concerns are.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adjourned at 1:33pm

Respectfully,

Eric Hoffmann